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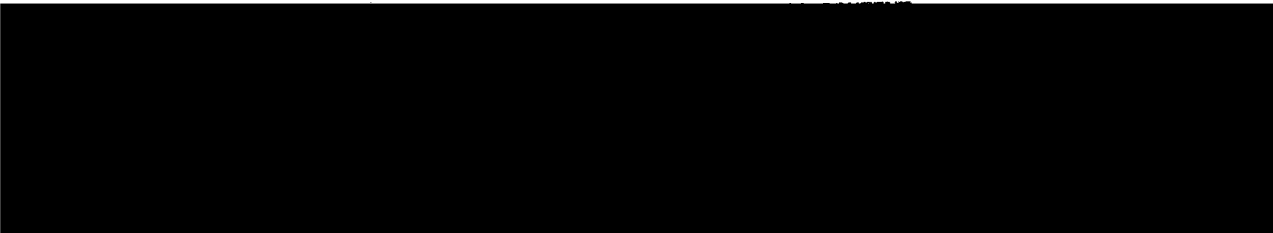
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Forces Controlled by the Direccion General de Seguridad

1. The Direccion General de Seguridad, in addition to the different sections mentioned below, controls the following bodies of Government Police (Policia Gubernativa) throughout Spain and Spanish Morocco:
- a) Secret Police (Cuerpo de Vigilancia)
 - b) Armed Police (Cuerpo de Seguridad)
 - c) Traffic Police

with the object of maintaining public order and preventing all types of crime or bringing to justice perpetrators of crimes.

Secret Police Force

2. This body consists entirely of plain-clothes police and wields a higher authority than the Armed Police.

Armed Police Force

3. This body is uniformed and, although civil in theory, is in fact military from the point of view of training, discipline and commands. It is auxiliary to the Secret Police.

Traffic Police Force

4. This body is uniformed and entirely concerned with the regulation and administration of traffic.

Functions of the Director General de Seguridad

5. The functions of the Director General include:
- a) The exchange of communications on all matters of security and police activities with the civil, military, ecclesiastical, administrative, diplomatic and consular officials.

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- b) The enforcement of the regulations regarding the entry and exit of foreigners, the adoption of the necessary security measures during the stay of foreigners in Spanish territory and, in certain cases, the request for their expulsion.
 - c) The issuance of passports to Spanish subjects.
 - d) The keeping of records of resident foreigners or temporary visitors and the issuance of the necessary documents for interned persons or political refugees.
6. The Director General also has special powers over the Civil Guard command of Madrid and the 14th, 26th and 27th Mobile Tercios, which can be sent to any locality in Spain, in the event of an emergency, to reinforce the existing public order forces.

Reports received at the Direccion General de Seguridad

7. All reports containing details of public order in general and crimes of all types are centralized in the Direccion General de Seguridad.
8. Such reports are submitted by Civil Governors all over Spanish territory and by the Military Governor of the Campo de Gibraltar.

Sections of the Direccion General de Seguridad

9. In addition to the numbered sections listed below, there are three "Special and Independent" Administrative Sections as follows:
- a) Accounts Section
 - b) Legal Section
 - c) Automobile Park Section

1st Section

10. This section is concerned with the registry of official correspondence or documents and the daily dispatch of ordinary and confidential correspondence. Correspondence classified as "very confidential" is registered and dispatched directly from the section of origin.

2nd Section

11. Secret Police - deals with all matters affecting personnel and material belonging to the Secret Police (Cuerpo de Vigilancia), and the reports submitted by them.

3rd Section

12. Armed Police - deals with all matters affecting personnel and material belonging to the Armed Police (Cuerpo de Seguridad).

4th Section

13. Central Identification Office - deals with all matters affecting material records of criminals and arrested persons, photographic and fingerprint identifications, etc. and controls the corresponding provincial or local offices.

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14. Central Office of Public Order - controls all the special services carried out by the Secret Police, Armed Police and special units of the Civil Guard mentioned above. It holds records of anarchist, communist and syndicalist activities; records of entries and exits of foreigners in Spain, and recommendations for their expulsion. It is charged with the dispatch, distribution and registry of telegrams, issuance of news items to the press, collection of press-cuttings of political, social or police significance, and issuance of press permits. It also holds statistics regarding all services carried out by the Policia Gubernativa (Cuerpos de Vigilancia and Seguridad), and regarding criminal activities both within Spain and in other countries.

6th Section

15. Central Records - holds records of crimes of every type, records of arrested persons, wanted persons, drug addicts, persons on conditional liberty, etc. This section deals with all matters relating to the families of such persons and holds records which may be consulted by civil, military, ecclesiastical, administrative, diplomatic and consular authorities. It investigates and follows up cases of forgery and carries out arrests and prison transfers.

Executive Authorities in the Direccion General de Seguridad

16. Employees of the various sections mentioned above are chosen from the Cuerpo de Vigilancia and the section chiefs hold the rank of Commissioner or Inspector.
17. In Madrid, the police forces are under the Director General de Seguridad; in the other provinces they are under the Civil Governor; in the Campo de Gibraltar they are under the Military Governor, and in Spanish Morocco under the High Commissioner.
18. In addition to reporting to the Director General de Seguridad on all matters relating to public order in their provinces, the Civil Governors also have to report to the Minister of the Interior.
19. According to source, the most important posts in the Direccion General de Seguridad are held by army officers thus making it a semi-military organization. Below are a few examples:

Director General.....	Staff Lt. Colonel Francisco Rodriguez Martinez
Secretary General.....	Staff Lt. Colonel Jose Lopez Barron
Head of the 2nd Section...	Staff Lt. Colonel Antonio Cores Fernandez Canete

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